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1. On 23 November 1953, Altes Lager was occupied by about 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The installation, as previously, served as fuel depot. A total of 16 trucks, was seen in the installation area. Little activity was observed.

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3. On 9 November, the Nachrichten Schule was occupied by about 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with tank insignia.³

4. On 15 November, the Nachrichten Schule was occupied by about 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and including about 150 recruits. 20 to 25 tanks in the quartering area. On 3 November, about 120 troops were drilling and 7 T-34 tanks practiced driving in the Aue. On 6 November, T-34 tanks left the installation for driving practice in the Aue area. On 9 November, about 140 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and presumably recruits left the installation toward Hockendorf. On 12 November, an undetermined number of troops cleaned 3 x 37-mm AA guns.

5. On 15 November, Neues Lager was occupied. Between 28 October and 15 November, about 50 troops were repeatedly seen drilling and other troops were seen receiving advanced combat training.

6. On 21 November, Neues Lager was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery and motor transport insignia.

7. On 21 November, Altes Lager was occupied by about 200 troops. Guard duties were performed very laxly, with the watchtowers in the installation being unoccupied and the

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entrance being guarded by a sentry only occasionally. About 500 to 600 x 200-liter fuel drums were stored in the yard.

3. On 21 November, the Nachrichtenschule was occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

Intensive firing with carbines was heard from the area north of the installation. Trucks with trailer loaded with coal, entered the installation.

1. Comment. The fuel depot in Altes Lager is known.

2. Comment. Troops with tank insignia had previously been reported.

50 percent of the troops in Neues Lager wore tank insignia, whereas paragraph 5 only once reported there 4 JS-3 tanks in February 1953. It remains undetermined whether a tank unit, possibly of the 11th Gds Tank Div, is actually stationed in the installation.

3. Comment.

estimates indicated an occupation strength of 1,000 to 3,000 men in the winter of 1952/1953, which corresponds more to the two and a half regiments carried there. The 44th Gds Tank Regt and the unidentified tank training battalion have repeatedly been confirmed.

In connection with information in Comment 2, it appears possible that the 44th Gds Tank Regt transferred to Neues Lager.

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